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SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, JEAN BELIARD

1. JEAN BELIARD, WHO HAS BEEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO SINCE MARCH 1973, WAS BORN AT COLMAR (UPPER RHINE) ON MARCH 22, 1919. HE HAS A DEGREE IN LAW, A CERTIFICATE IN HIGHER ADMINISTRATION AND A DIPLOMA IN POLITICAL ECONOMICS. BELIARD FIRST MARRIED IN 1950 AND HAS TWO CHILDREN (DIANA AND MICHEL FROM THAT MARRIAGE). IN 1967 HE WAS MARRIED A SECOND TIME TO THE FORMER DENISE LEBoulLEUX.

2. BELIARD WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON AUGUST 20, 1944 AND HIS FIRST OVERSEAS POSTING WAS TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE SERVED AS VICE CONSUL FROM 1945 TO 1948. IN 1949 HE WAS FIRST SECRETARY ON THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO NATO AND IN 1951 BECAME THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATO PRESS AND INFORMATION SERVICE. HE WAS FRENCH CONSUL IN DETROIT FROM 1953 TO 1956 AND THEN FOR A YEAR WAS IN THE INFORMATION SERVICE AT THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION WHERE HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR. HE THEN RETURNED ON POST TO THE US AS FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO FROM 1957 TO 1964. BELIARD THEN
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BECAME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RADIO MONTE CARLO UNTIL 1966. FROM 1966 TO 1968 HE WAS CHIEF OF THE INFORMATION SERVICE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY (NEW YORK) THEN CONSUL GENERAL AT THE SAME POST FOR A YEAR BEFORE RETURNING TO THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION. FROM 1969 TO 1973 HE DIRECTED THE PRESS AND INFORMATION SERVICE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. HE WAS ALSO AN ADMINISTRATOR FOR

EUROPE NO.1 RADIO STATION (1969-1970).

3. BELIARD, WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND WAS ONE OF TWO OFFICIAL INTERPRETERS FOR DEGAULLE'S STATE VISIT TO THE US IN 1960, IS ALSO CONSIDERED TO BE VERY PRO-AMERICAN. HE HAS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE US AND IS ALSO KNOWN AS AN AUTHOR OF MYSTERY NOVELS. HE IS AN OFFICER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR AND A COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF MERIT. HE HOLDS THE CROIX DE GUERRE (1939-45), THE MEDAL OF THE RESISTENCE AND THE MEDAL OF THE ESCAPEES.
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